CE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of onion and garlic exported during the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in the export of onion and garlic; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Total quantity of onion and garlic exported was as under:—

(Qty. in Mts/val. Rs. lakhs)
(Provisional)

Year	Onion		Garlic	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value.
1984-85	282428	5372	1143	23
1985-86	263176	5069	1121	42

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Onion export is canalised through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. These exports were regulated by NAFED during 1985-86 having regard to the need for maintaining domestic market supplies at reasonable levels. The fall in exports of garlic was on account of lower production.

Import of raw sugar and refined sugar

746. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASIM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the import of raw sugar costs less than the import of refined (finished) sugar; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which his Ministry does not favour import of raw sugar production particularly in view of difficult foreign exchange situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Since the reprocessing of imported raw sugar into refined sugar is costlier, the Government are not in favour of import of raw sugar as such.

Charges of Irregularities against the Chairman of Sagar Gramin Bank

747. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from the report submitted by the Enquiry Officer of the Sponsoring Bank, it has been established that the Chairman of Sagar Gramin Bank is involved in many corrupt and illegal practices; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Government had received in June, 1986 a Preliminary Investigation Report from the United Bank of India, the sponsoring bank of Sagar Gramin Bank regarding a complaint against the Chairman of the Gramin Bank. The Report is under scrutiny in consultation with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).